TURRET INTACT THOUGH STRUCK BY HEAVY SHELL

Florida's Steel Plate Broken, but Mechanism of Turret Worked Perfectly.

HIT AT SHORT RANGE BUT ABLE TO FIGHT

With Biggest Naval Gun, Heaviest Projectile and Highest Explosive Known Employed, the Test Shows Victory for the Turret Con-

struction.

27.—The biggest naval gun the heaviest projectile and the highest explosive known

She had steam up and a large American fing floated astern. Back of the bridges, on the upper structure, there hung the 'weekly wash of several jackles. But most striking in her appearance was the "Leaning Tower" on her stern, the woyen pipe military mast, resembling a huge waste paper basket. On top of its 125 feet of height was a broad platform, where two dummy sallors, fashioned from boards, stood bravely, looking down on two more dummies of the same pattern on the turret forward.

One of the two big guns had been removed from the turret and a "cripple" gun occupied its place.

Fire at Close itange.

Just 342 yards on the inside of the Florida lay her sister ship, the Arkansas. The distance looked cruelly close.

"This is such a test as would never eccur in actual warfare," remarked a rear-admiral, as the big party of officers boarded the Arkansas. "The aim will be perfect; the distance is so close that the impact will be at its full velocity, and the part of the Florida ke be hit is the weakest."

A fleet of naval tugs from the Norgelt ward the army officers from the strillery school's post, beside the little torpede-boat Morris, constituted the float which hovered around the Arkansas and Florida. Everybody went aboard the Arkansas and attention was directed to a strip of canvas held up between two staffs on the turret of the Florida.

"We are going to shoot a 12-inch projectile through that target to get the range," was the announcement.

The Aim Was True.

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There was just the suggestion of a grand swell coming in through the Capes, and it was an hour and a quarter before Lieutenant Walter M. Falconer, in charge of the hig guns, got his aim. There was a crash, a rear, the monitor kicked back into the water and sprang up again, and when the canvas target came into view it had a hole through its lower half. Then the turret of the Florida was slowely swung around so that her guns and those of the Arkansas looked squarely at each other.

At 19:42 the "big noise" came, two crashes, so close together that it sounded ilke one, One 12-inch projectile had hit its target. It was a crash, a flash and a cloud of yellow smoke quietly drifting away over the top of the Gentlaued on Fourth Page.)

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STILL SEEKING NOTORIETY

Mrs. Harry Thuw, Drawing \$1,000 per Month, Says She is Unfairly Treated. NEW YORK, May 27.—That the re-lation between Evelyn Nesbit Thaw and het husband's family are greatly strained was made apparent to-day when she used a statement vigorous.

SEVENTEEN ARE DROWNED

Further Gruesome Discovery Made on the Guinness Farm.

LAPORTE, IND., May 27.—Hogs wallowing in the lowland, just below the private remetery of Mrs. Belle Guinness, to-day brought to the surface two human bones. One was from an arm and the other from a leg. The hogs dragged the bones around the rog yard for some time before the find became known. As a result, Sheriff Smutzer to-morrow will begin turning the surface of the hog run and dragging the pond which borders on it.

DOING GOOD WORK

The Times

Institution at Fredericksburg Heartily Commended on Floor of Assembly.

WILL RAISE \$25,000 YEARLY FOR SUPPORT

After Listening to Stirring Ad dresses, Which Arouse Great Enthusiasm, the Report Is Adopted-Adopt Paper on Evangelistic

more evangelistic preaching on the part of our pastors and a more dili-gent effort on the part of the church to reach the unchurched and unsaved.": "This General Assembly would urge

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WIFE'S CLOTHES FOR RIVAL

State's case against Theodore Whit-more, charged with killing his wife,

HEARST GAINS VOTES

WEATHER.

Fair and Warm.

TOBACCO GROWERS VOTE TO POOL CROP

Mutual Association Decides Upon Vigorous Step to Fight the Trust.

REFUSE TO AGREE NOT TO RAISE 1909 CROP

Resolutions Recommended by the Board Considered Too Drastic. American Tobacco Company's Methods Are Severely Arraigned.

The speaker declared that the wealth of the world is produced by the man who digs in the ground, and without the farmer civilization would be an impossibility. The farmer, he declared, had labored for years, only to see the (Continued on Fifth Page.)

GENERAL LEE VERY ILL

Dispatch

REFUSE TO INDORSE BRYAN

New Hampshire Democrats, However, Elect Bryan Delegates, CONCORD N. H., May 27.—The Dem-ocrats of New Hampshire met to-day

Date Said to Have Been Fixed for His Retirement From Cabinet. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—The Post to-day says: So certain is the administrator by the nomination of Secretary Tate by

WILL BE BRYAN MEN

CURRENCY MEASURE PASSES THE HOUSE BY VOTE 166 TO 140

Republican Makeshift Rushed Through Lower Branch Without Discussion.

FOURTEEN REPUBLICANS VOTE WITH DEMOCRATS

Mr. Williams Denounces the Bill as a Republican Campaign Subterfuge and Congratulates the Speaker on His Big Stick Method.

d. West Virginia Delegates to Be Elected
Witzelding, W. V.A., May 27.—It in the state are in Wheeling to-night for the State are in Wheeling to-night for the State convention to-morrow, which will elect the State's are in Wheeling to-night for the State convention to-morrow, which will elect the State's are in Wheeling to-night for the State convention to-morrow, which will elect the State's are in Wheeling to-night for the State convention to-morrow, which will elect the State's are in Wheeling to-night for the State convention to-morrow, which will elect the State Store of the present and State of the State Store of the present of the State Store of the Committee of the State Store of the Store of the Store of the State Store of the Store o

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RICHMOND, VA., May 26, 1908.

"THE TIMES-DISPATCH CO., City:

"Gentlemen,-

Our first advertisement in your Sunday paper, May 24th, has brought enough business to pay for the entire three months' contract. This is very gratifying, and we wish to thank you for the results received.

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